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Dear Mr. Brooks,

On behalf of the Ohio House of Representatives, I am responding to the public records request of July 5, 2018, made to former Speaker Ryan Smith and staff, Rep. Kirk Schuring and staff, Rep. Bill Seitz and staff, Rep. Sarah LaTourette and staff, Rep. Thomas F. Patton and staff, and Rep. Bill Reineke and staff. Specifically, you requested "any and all electronic communications...referencing, related to, concerning, or containing mention of any of the following: the Supreme Court's decision in *Janus v. AFSCME*, Janus, Mark Janus, right-to-work or right to work legislation, right-to work or right to work policies, right-to-work or right to work court rulings, RTW, labor, unions, agency fees, AFSCME, SEIU, AFT, NEA, 32BJ, Buckeye Institute, Ashbrook Center, 1851 Center for Constitutional Law, Commonwealth Foundation, collective bargaining, union contracts, Freedom Foundation, American Legislative Exchange Council, ALEC, State Policy Network, SPN, Americans for Prosperity, Bradley Foundation, and the Mackinac Center."

As an initial matter, please note that your request is overly broad and ambiguous. "[I]t is the responsibility of the person who wishes to inspect and/or copy records to identify with reasonable clarity the records at issue." *State ex rel. Zidonis v. Columbus State Community College*, 133 Ohio St.3d 122, 2012-Ohio-4228, 976 N.E.2d 861, ¶ 21. A requester must identify the records sought so that the public office can identify responsive records based on the manner in which it ordinarily maintains and accesses the public records it keeps. *State ex rel. Zauderer v. Joseph*, 62 Ohio App.3d 752 (10th Dist. 1989). A public office has no duty to "seek out and retrieve those records which would contain the information of interest to the requester." *State ex rel. Fant v. Tober*, 8th Dist. No. 63737 (Apr. 28, 1993), *aff'd* 68 Ohio St.3d 117, 623 N.E.2d 1202 (1993). The Ohio Supreme Court has held that a request "for any and all records...containing any reference whatsoever to [a particular person]" is overly broad. *State ex rel. Dillery v. Icsman*, 92 Ohio St. 312, 314, 750 N.E.2d 156 (2001).

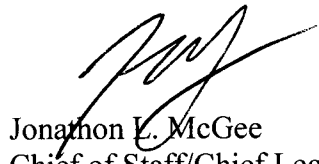
Your request is similarly overly broad because it asks for a search of this office's records based on various terms. In general, the Ohio House of Representatives organizes its records by legislator and by topic and/or bill number, and requests should be made in accordance with that method of organization. Moreover, the portion of your request asking for records "related to, concerning, or containing mention of [a list of words]" is denied because it is ambiguous as to the specific records you are seeking.

Nevertheless, as a courtesy, please find the records we have identified as potentially responsive to your request on the enclosed DVD-R disks. Please note that the following information has been withheld and/or redacted from these records:

- Information subject to the attorney-client privilege, *State ex rel. Lanham v. DeWine*, 135 Ohio St.3d 191, 2013-Ohio-199, 985 N.E.2d 467, ¶¶ 26-31;
- Information subject to the legislative confidentiality privilege in ORC 101.30;
- Information that comprises the security and infrastructure records of this office under ORC 149.433; and
- Personal information under ORC 149.45(A)(1)(d).

The Ohio House of Representatives organizes its records by legislator and by topic and/or bill number and requests should be made in accordance with this method of organization. Future requests that do not seek records based on the way this office organizes and accesses its records may be denied.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures (2)